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JAPAN.

Report from Yokohama—Plague and smallpox.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, May 11, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report that no further case of plague has occurred in Japan proper since the date of my letter of May 4, and this, despite the arrival from Formosa of 2 cases of the malady at the port of Kobe upon the 5th instant, per steamships *Tainan Maru*, from Kelung, and *Ohiyoda Maru*, from Tainan. Both vessels are at present in quarantine.

One undoubted and one suspicious case of smallpox were removed from the U. S. transport *Indiana*, at Nagasaki, on May 6, and some three instances of the same disease are reported to have been met with in Tokyo within a few days.

Respectfully,

STUART ELDRIDGE,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.**Plague increasing in Formosa.*

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, May 19, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that since my last report of May 11 no case of plague has been met with in Japan proper. The double importation of this disease from Formosa to Kobe, May 6, already reported to you, has been followed by no further infection. The epidemic seems to be increasing in Formosa, as the governor-general of that island is reported to have telegraphed, two days ago, to the sanitary authorities that the pest is virulent in many districts. Since the beginning of the year the same official gives the total number of detected cases as 1,605, and the new cases in the week immediately preceding his dispatch as 552.

A severe outbreak of trachoma is returned as prevailing in Shidzuoka and its neighborhood.

Respectfully,

STUART ELDRIDGE,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

MEXICO.

Report from Progreso—Health conditions good.

PROGRESO, MEXICO, May 26, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report for the week ended May 25, 1901:

There were no cases nor deaths from contagious diseases reported, and only 6 deaths reported from all causes.

On the steamship *Havana*, bound from Vera Cruz to New York via this port and Havana, a case of measles developed in a child after leaving Vera Cruz. The case was isolated in the female steerage compartment of the vessel, and the facts of the case set forth in the supplemental bill of health.

The smallpox epidemic in Merida grows progressively better, and the